GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Pollution due to Fire Crackers
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increasing air pollution, the Government proposes to ban fire crackers during festivals/ ceremonies specially in marriage ceremony;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (c) There is no proposal currently under consideration of the Government to ban fire crackers during festivals/ ceremonies. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified noise standards for fire crackers under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 to control noise pollution levels from fire-crackers. The steps taken to control pollution levels inter alia include advisories for noise monitoring on the occasion of Diwali; prohibition of the use of fireworks between 10.00 p.m. and 06.00 a.m.; publicity regarding the ill effects of fire-crackers, sensitisation of students through course curriculum besides general awareness building of public at large to avoid bursting of fire-crackers; and issuance of directions under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and under section 18 (1) (b) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

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